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PATENT APPLICATION  
USSN 09/594,652

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Iyer, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/594,652  
Date Filed: June 15, 2000  
Confirmation No. 9277  
Group Art Unit: 3623  
Examiner: Eric T. Shaffer  
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Dear Sir:

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**Statement of Substance of Interview**

In an Interview Summary mailed December 2, 2003, Applicants were instructed as follows:

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office Action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

At the time Applicants received the Interview Summary, a written reply to the last Office Action had already been filed (a Request for Continued Examination Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed December 8, 2003).

Applicants accept the Examiner's statement of the substance of the interview:

Attorney was informed that the IDS submitted with the response to the office action mailed April 13, 2003 has been reviewed and the references therein are deemed in the PTO-1449 are not relevant to the further prosecution of the case.

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance and respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Christopher W. Kennerly, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6812.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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